

APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE:

The following requirements were implemented on the following dates and continue to be requirements.

April 2008:

Application Changes: Question 2a - Changed from Project # to DSB #, Item # and Question 12 – Professional Liability Claims Changed from 7 to 5 years.

January 2008:

In reference to April 2007, display only applications e.g. PDF format are NOT acceptable.

October 2007:

A person may not submit more than one application as a “prime” applicant on the same project. The applications of any such applicant shall be considered disqualified. This rule does not preclude a person applying as a "prime" applicant even though that applicant is also listed as a consultant on one or more other “prime” applications on the same project. For the purposes of this paragraph the term “person” means an individual, corporation, association, partnership or other legal entity.

April 2007:

Application Change: An additional electronic copy of the completed Application Form in cd format, using MS Word or other word processing software, is to be included with the printed Applications.

If an updated Master File Brochure is submitted at any time, an additional electronic copy in cd format using MS Word or other word processing software is to be included with the submitted update.

Application Change: Question #9 – “Construction Cost” replaced “Project Cost”

April 2006:

Change of address. As of April 3, 2006, all future correspondence should be delivered to One Ashburton Place, 10th Floor, Room 1004, Boston, MA 02108.

February 2006:

- Please be sure to use the latest forms when applying for State funded projects.
- It is the responsibility of the Prime applicant to ensure all of their sub-consultants also use the current application forms. Failure to do so will be grounds for the application to be rejected.

April 2005:

- Please note New DSB 2005 Application Form.
- Applicants are now required to respond to Question #10 as noted on page 7 of the application form.
- It is a requirement that all applicants supply signed DSB SC-A's (SUB-CONSULTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT) for each listed sub-consultants stating that they are aware and agree to being nominated by said applicant. One Copy of which must have an original signature. This form is now the last page of the DSB Application 2005.
- Failure to supply above documents may result in rejection of application.
- Please note New DSB 2005 Master File Brochure
- New Section on the Web: Most Common Mistakes On Applications at (http://www.state.ma.us/cam/dsb/db_dsbcommon.html)

October 2003:

Please be advised that only those consultants listed in the advertisement should be nominated in the application by the Prime consultant. Any MBE/WBE requirement should be met within the requested consultant list. Utilizing consultants not requested in order to fulfil the MBE/WBE is unacceptable and will severely limit the Prime's chances of being appointed to the project.

DSB 2005 MASTER FILE BROCHURE

In addition to the individual application form separately filed for each specific project, architects, engineers, planners, construction managers, and related construction industry consultants who wish to be considered for appointment as program consultants, designers, or construction managers on state projects under the jurisdiction of the Designer Selection Board must submit current (within one year of application) credentials in the form of a master brochure as specified on the new DSB Master File 2005 Brochure, (attached herein). If an updated Master File Brochure is submitted at any time, an additional electronic copy in cd format using MS Word or other word processing software, is to be included with the submitted update. Applicants may supplement the required material with their printed brochure, including pictures and illustrations and any other information which the applicant deems essential to be representative of his or her capabilities. Please utilize return receipt if an acknowledgment is desired. All material shall become the property of the Commonwealth, may be disposed of without notification, and shall be considered public information.

Electronic copies of the forms are available at the following Commonwealth's Web site:

http://www.state.ma.us/cam/forms/fi_dselectboard.html

CHAPTER 579

In accordance with Chapter 579 of the Acts of 1980 all contracts for designer services for all capital facility projects entered into on or after January 1, 1982 shall conform to those provisions specified in this act. Some of the major changes mandated by this legislation include the following:

1. Lump sum design fees may be set by the Commissioner prior to DSB selections process, or negotiated after the DSB selection process. (See M.G.L. C.7, §38G). If designer's fee is negotiated, he must file a truth-in-negotiations certificate. (Revised to M.G.L. C.7, §38G per Chapter 189 of 1984).
2. There can be no change in consultants from those named on the DSB application unless approved by the Commissioner and reported to the DSB. The director may require a Consultant employed by the designer to obtain and maintain liability insurance.

Section 38G

- (a) In the selection of a designer when the fee for design services has been set by the commissioner prior to the selection process, the commissioner shall appoint a designer from among the list transmitted to him or her under section thirty-eight F. If the commissioner appoints any designer other than the one ranked first by the board, he or she shall file a written justification of the appointment with the board.
- (b) When the fee for design services is to be negotiated, the commissioner shall review the list transmitted by the board, and may exclude any designer from the list if a written explanation of the exclusion is filed with the board. The commissioner shall then appoint a designer based on successful fee negotiation. The commissioner or persons designated by him or her shall first negotiate with the first ranked designer remaining on the list. Should the commissioner be unable to negotiate a satisfactory fee with the first ranked designer within thirty days, negotiations shall be terminated and negotiations undertaken with the remaining designers, one at a time, in the order in which they were ranked by the board, until an agreement is reached. In no event may a fee be negotiated which is higher than a maximum fee set by the commissioner prior to selection of finalists. Should the commissioner be unable to negotiate a satisfactory fee with any designer initially selected as a finalist by the board, the board shall recommend additional finalists in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The commissioner may require a finalists with whom a fee is being negotiated to submit a fee proposal and include with it such information as the commissioner requires to provide current cost and pricing data on the basis of which the designer's fee proposal may be evaluated.
- (c) All fees shall be stated in designer's contracts and in any subsequent amendment thereto as a total dollar amount. Contracts may provide for equitable adjustments in the event of changes in scope or services.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICANTS TO THE DSB

1. Submission of Master File Brochure Data or the DSB 2005 Master File Brochure in the format required, and at least annually, continuously update same.
2. Updating of the DSB 2005 Master File Brochure when there are significant principal or key personnel changes in a firm.
3. Receipt of applications from designers who are full time employees of another firm shall disqualify the applicant.
4. A person may not submit more than one application as a "prime" applicant on the same project. The applications of any such applicant shall be considered disqualified. This rule does not preclude a person applying as a "prime" applicant even though that applicant is also listed as a consultant on one or more other "prime" applications on the same project. For the purposes of this paragraph the term "person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership or other legal entity.
5. Simultaneous receipt of applications from individuals or group of individuals who are associates or who are involved in an association or corporation filing for the same project shall disqualify the applicants.
6. Applicants agree to execute the DCAM Standard Contract for Final Design and Contract Administration Services (Revised 11/06, replaces the former DCAM Form C-2 Contract for Design Services) or the DCAM Standard Contract for Studies, Programs, Master Plans & Reports, DCAM Form C-3 if applicable.
7. Chapter 7, Section 38H(e) (iv) requires that on public design contracts where the total design fee is expected to exceed \$10,000 or for the design of a project for which the estimated construction cost is expected to exceed \$100,000 the designer shall:
 - a) File its latest CPA or PA audited financial statement with the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAM), and continue to do so annually throughout the term of the contract;
 - b) Submit a statement from a CPA or PA that states that they have examined management's internal auditing controls, and expresses their opinion regarding those controls.
8. Every application or statement filed pursuant to this section shall be sworn to under penalties of perjury. A designer, programmer or construction manager who has been determined by the Board to have filed materially false information under this section shall be disqualified by the Board from further consideration for any project for such time as the Board determines is appropriate. **UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD.**

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNERS PROVIDING PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS

(a) Certification that the applicants' legal entity, if applying to perform design services other than preparation of studies, surveys, soil testing, cost estimates, programs, or construction management is a designer as defined. The definition of a design professional as listed in M.G.L. C.7, §38A½ follows:

"Designer," an individual, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, joint stock company, joint venture, or other entity engaged in the practice of architecture, landscape architecture, or engineering, which satisfies the following:

- (i) if an individual, the individual is a registered architect, landscape architect, or engineer; (registered in the Commonwealth of Mass.)*
- (ii) if a partnership, a majority of all the partners are persons who are registered architects, landscape architects, or engineers; (registered in the Commonwealth of Mass.)*
- (iii) if a corporation, sole proprietorship, joint stock company or other entity, the majority of directors or a majority of the stock ownership and the chief executive officer are persons who are registered architects, landscape architects or engineers, and the person to be in charge of the project is registered in the discipline required for the project.*

[Note: This requires that the chief executive officer and a majority of the directors or a majority of the stock ownership be registered architects, landscape architects or engineers, and that the person to be in charge of the project be registered in the discipline required for the project. “Registered” means registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.]

(iv) if a joint venture, each joint venturer satisfies the requirements of this section.

(b) As a condition of application, each applicant agrees to carry, if selected for the new project, (other than a master plan, study, program, or construction management) professional liability insurance in the amount equal to 10% of the estimated construction cost of the project, in conformance with the provisions of Article 18 of the standard design contract, i.e. minimum coverage of \$250,000 and maximum coverage of \$1,000,000.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SEMI-FINALISTS AND FINALISTS

IN CONFORMANCE WITH CHAPTER 7, SECTION 38F

1. Prior similar experience best illustrating current qualifications for this project.
2. Identity and qualifications of the key persons and consultants who will work on this project.
3. Depth of the firm with respect to size and complexity of the project.
4. Past performance on public and private projects.
 - a. Quality, clarity, completeness and accuracy of contract documents and design contract.
 - b. Effectiveness of meeting established program requirements and function within allotted budget.
 - c. Accuracy of cost estimates including assessment of contractors’ requisitions for payment and change order proposals.
 - d. Management ability to meet schedules including submission of design and contract documents and processing of shop drawings, contractors’ requisitions and change orders.
 - e. Coordination and management of consultants.
 - f. Working relationship with contractors, subcontractors, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAM) staff and agency representatives.
5. Financial stability - including prompt payment of consultant fees.
6. Current workload with DCAM and other public agencies.
7. Geographical location of the firm with respect to the proposed project.
8. Participation of MBEs and WBEs as prime consultants or subconsultants in a role consistent with the participation goals set forth for the project.
 - a. The Designer Selection Board adheres to Executive Order #390 as implemented by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance establishing goals for minority business enterprise (MBE) and women business enterprise (WBE) participation on all design contracts unless otherwise noted. (See attached pages 6-10)
 - b. The Minority Business Enterprise and Woman Business Enterprise participation goals established for each contract are set forth on the first page of the “Designer Selection Board Project Criteria” solicitation for that contract.

PARTICIPATION BY MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES AND WOMAN OWNED BUSINESSES

Pursuant to Executive Order 390, the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAM), as designee of the Secretary of Administration and Finance, has developed the following goals and procedures to encourage full participation by minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women businesses enterprises (WBEs) (collectively M/WBEs) on contracts for design services entered into by DCAM.

GOALS

Subject to the terms of this memorandum, the following M/WBE participation goals shall apply to the total dollar value of all study and design contracts awarded for every DCAM project:

MBE participation goal: 8%

WBE participation goal: 4%

If the contracting design firm is an MBE or WBE, then M/WBE participation credit shall be given in an amount equal to the entire fee paid to the contracting firm. Please note: if the contracting design firm is itself an MBE or WBE, it will still need to obtain participation by another MBE or WBE to meet the goal that it cannot itself fulfill. If the contracting design firm is not itself an MBE or WBE, then M/WBE participation credit will be given for the value of any work under the contract that is actually performed by each MBE or WBE subcontractor or subconsultant (hereafter “subcontractors”) to the Designer. MBE participation may not be substituted for WBE participation, nor may WBE participation be substituted for MBE participation.

MODIFICATION OF M/WBE PARTICIPATION GOALS FOR PARTICULAR PROJECTS

DCAM/User Agency reserves the right to reduce or waive the M/WBE participation goals stated above for a particular project prior to the receipt of applications to the Designer Selection Board upon its own initiative or upon the request of any applicant if DCAM determines that it is not feasible for a non-M/WBE design firm to meet the M/WBE goals established for the project based upon any or all of the following: (i) actual M/WBE availability, (ii) the geographic location of the project to the extent related to M/WBE availability, (iii) the contractual scope of work, (iv) the percentage of work available for subcontracting to M/WBEs, or (v) other relevant factors as determined by DCAM.

The M/WBE participation goals established for each project are set forth in the Designer Selection Board Project Criteria published for that project.

After a project is advertised, requests from prospective applicants to reduce or waive the M/WBE participation goals for that project, with all supporting documentation, must be submitted with the application, with a copy to DCAM’s Compliance Office, One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. Except as provided below, DCAM will not consider any request to reduce or waive the M/WBE participation goals for a project if the request is received after this deadline.

DETERMINATION OF M/WBE STATUS

A minority owned business shall be considered an MBE only if it has been certified as a minority owned business by the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance ("SOMWBA"). A woman owned business shall be considered a WBE only if it has been certified as a woman owned business by SOMWBA.

Certification as a disadvantaged business enterprise ("DBE"), certification as an M/WBE by any agency other than SOMWBA, or submission of an application to SOMWBA for certification as an M/WBE shall not confer M/WBE status on a firm.

Minority owned businesses and woman owned businesses are strongly encouraged to submit applications for certification as M/WBEs to SOMWBA. Information is available from SOMWBA, Ten Park Plaza, Room 3740, Boston, MA 02116 (617) 973-8692, and on the Internet at <<http://www.state.ma.us/somwba>>.

IDENTIFICATION OF M/WBE PARTICIPANTS BY THE SELECTED DESIGNER

The current SOMWBA Certification Letters showing that the MBE/WBE is certified in the area of work for which it is listed on the application must be submitted for each and every MBE and WBE firm listed on the application, and must be submitted with the application.

Not later than five (5) working days after the Designer receives notice of selection for the advertised project, (A-5 Letter), the Designer shall submit to DCAM's Compliance Office (i) a Letter of Intent for each of the M/WBEs that will perform work under the contract, and (ii) a Schedule of M/WBE Participation. The form of Letter of Intent and Schedule of M/WBE Participation are included in this application package.

Within five (5) working days after receipt of the Letters of Intent, DCAM's Compliance Office shall review and either approve or disapprove the Designer's submissions. Without limitation, DCAM reserves the right to reject the Letter of Intent of any M/WBE that is to perform work in a category that is not listed in its SOMWBA certification, or if the price to be paid for the M/WBE Work as stated in the Letter of Intent does not bear a reasonable relationship to the value of such work as reasonably determined by DCAM. If the Designer has not submitted an appropriate Schedule of M/WBE Participation and appropriate Letters of Intent and SOMWBA certification letters establishing that the M/WBE participation goal for the project will be met, the Designer may be considered ineligible for award of the contract and DCAM may award the contract to the second ranked Designer, subject to that Designer's compliance with these conditions.

DCAM reserves the right to reduce or waive the M/WBE participation goals for a project after selection of the designer and before execution of the contract, provided that no such reduction or waiver shall be granted except under the following circumstances: the selected Designer must establish and document that it has been unable to obtain commitments from M/WBE subcontractors sufficient to meet the M/WBE goals for the project after having made a diligent, good faith effort to do so; all such documentation must accompany the Designer's request to reduce or waive the M/WBE participation goal and shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- A list of all items of work under the contract that the Designer made available for subcontracting to W/MBEs. The Designer shall identify all items of work that the Designer did not make so available and shall state the reasons for not making such work available for subcontracting to W/MBEs. The Designer shall also demonstrate that, where commercially reasonable, subcontracts were divided into units capable of being performed by M/WBEs.
- Evidence that the Designer sent written notices soliciting proposals to perform the items of work made available by the Designer for subcontracting to W/MBEs to all W/MBEs qualified to perform such work. The Designer shall identify (i) each W/MBE solicited, and (ii) each W/MBE listed in the SOMWBA directory under the applicable trade category who was not solicited and the reasons therefor. The Designer shall also state the dates notices were mailed and provide a copy of the written notice(s) sent.
- Evidence that the Designer made reasonable efforts to follow up the written notices sent to M/WBEs with telephone calls or personal visits in order to determine with certainty whether the M/WBEs were interested in performing the work. Phone logs or other documentation must be submitted.

- A statement of the response received from each M/WBE solicited, including the reason for rejecting any M/WBE who submitted a proposal.
- Evidence of efforts made to assist M/WBEs that need assistance in obtaining bonding, insurance, or lines of credit with suppliers if the inability of M/WBEs to obtain bonding, insurance, or lines of credit is a reason given for the Designer's inability to meet the M/WBE goals.
- The Designer also shall submit any other information reasonably requested by DCAM to show that the Designer has taken all actions which could be reasonably expected to achieve the M/WBE participation goals.

The Designer may submit any other information supporting its request for a waiver or reduction in the M/WBE participation goals, such as evidence that the Designer placed advertisements in appropriate media and trade association publications announcing the Designer's interest in obtaining proposals from M/WBEs, and/or sent written notification to M/WBE economic development assistance agencies, trade groups and other organizations notifying them of the project and the work to be subcontracted by the Designer to M/WBEs.

Requests by a selected Designer to reduce or waive the M/WBE participation goals for a particular project based upon the Designer's inability to obtain commitments from M/WBE subcontractors sufficient to meet the M/WBE goals after having made a diligent, good faith effort to do so must be received by DCAM not later than five (5) business days after receipt by the Designer of the notice of selection (A-5 Letter).

The Designer's compliance with these procedures and goals is a prerequisite for award of the contract, provided that DCAM reserves the right to waive minor defects in documents and extend time limits in its sole discretion.

SCHEDULE FOR PARTICIPATION
BY MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT

DCAM Project Number _____ Project Location _____

Project Name _____

This form must be submitted by the Designer within five (5) working days after the Designer receives notice of selection (A-5 Letter). A Letter of Intent and SOMWBA certification letter for each M/WBE must be submitted with this Schedule of M/WBE participation.

BIDDER CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned Design firm agrees that it will subcontract with the following listed firms for the work described and for the dollar amounts listed below. For purposes of this commitment, the MBE and WBE designation means that a business has been certified by SOMWBA as either a MBE, WBE or M/WBE. The Designer must indicate the MBE/WBE firms it intends to utilize on the project as follows (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Company Name & Address	MBE or WBE	Describe MBE/WBE Scopes of Work	Total Dollar Value of Participation
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

MBE Goal: \$ _____

Total Dollar Value of MBE Commitment: \$ _____

WBE Goal: \$ _____

Total Dollar Value of WBE Commitment: \$ _____

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read the terms and conditions of the contract with regard to MBE/WBE participation and is authorized to bind the Designer to the commitment set forth above.

Name of Designer _____

Authorized Signature _____

Business Address _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____

Date _____

Design Schedule for Participation – Revised 02/05/02

(To be completed by MBE/WBE, and submitted to the Compliance Office by the Designer within five (5) working days after the Designer receives notice of selection (A-5 Letter).

Name of Designer

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THIS OFFICIAL FORM MAY NOT BE ALTERED
POLICY ON EMPLOYMENT OF STUDY CONSULTANTS FOR SUBSEQUENT DESIGN PROJECTS

Amended by the Designer Selection Board on December 15, 2000

1. The Commissioner may appoint a designer to perform continued or extended services if the following conditions are met:
 - (i) *a written statement is filed with the Board explaining the reasons for the continuation or extension of services;*
 - (ii) *the program for the design services is filed with the Board if one is required by the regulations of the division; and*
 - (iii) *the Board approves the appointment of the designer for continued or extended services and states the reasons therefor.*
2. When the Board has required that applicants list consultants which the applicants may employ, in no event shall a consultant be used who is debarred pursuant to Section forty-four C of Chapter one hundred and forty-nine as amended, and any change or addition to the consultants named in the application and allowed by the Board upon appointment must be approved by the Deputy Commissioner and reported to the Board, along with a written statement by the designer or construction manager of the reasons for the change.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING APPLICATIONS

1. As of 04/05, the application forms required for submissions to the Designer Selection Board have been updated. The new forms are as follows: DSB Mater File Brochure is replaced by the DSB 2005 Master File Brochure (included herein); DSB Application is replaced by the DSB 2005 Application Form (included herein). All specific project applications must be submitted on the new DSB 2005 Application forms. Submissions that are on the old Form 2000 will not be accepted.
2. An electronic copy of the new DSB 2005 Master File Brochure and the new DSB 2005 Application Form in Microsoft Word for Windows 97 is available for download from the Web site address: http://www.state.ma.us/cam/forms/fi_dselectboard.html.
3. Applications should be limited to the application plus a maximum of **3 supplementary pages** (double sided) unless otherwise noted. Information in excess of three pages, unless otherwise noted in the Public Notice Advertisement, may be the basis of rejection. Computer generated forms are allowed provided they do not substantially deviate from the DSB format. **Submit 15 copies. Please duplicate forms double-sided, if possible, to minimize paper waste.**
4. No cover letters, binders and superfluous material. **Please staple upper right corner, landscape.**
5. DSB recommends that the principal who would be in charge of the project make sure that the form is complete including appropriate signature. Unsigned applications will not be considered.
6. When citing work performed by the applicant while employed by another firm, make certain said firm is properly identified including the individual's level of responsibility.
7. By including a firm as a sub-consultant the applicant certifies that the listed firm has been advised that it was being included in the applicants team and it has agreed to work on this Project should the team be selected. It is a requirement that all applicants supply a signed DSB SC-A's (Sub-Consultant Acknowledgement). There can be no change in consultants from those named unless approved by DCAM and reported to the Designer Selection Board (C.7, §38H(a)). It is a requirement that all applicants supply the signed document, attached to the application, by the listed sub-consultants stating that they are aware and agree to being nominated by said applicant. Failure to supply above documents may result in rejection of application.
8. DCAM contracts require that the Prime and Sub-Consultant personnel must be registered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in their respective disciplines and therefore, when applicable, the DSB looks for registration in the disciplines listed in order to satisfy DCAM contract requirements.
9. Eligibility requirements are set forth on page 5 of this Public Notice in item 8(a). Sub-paragraph (iii) of item 8(a) requires: 1) the majority of directors or a majority of the stock ownership to be persons who are Mass. registered architects, landscape architects or engineers; 2) the chief executive officer to be a person who is so registered; and 3) the person to be in charge of the project to be so registered in the discipline required for the project.
10. When the Prime applicant is to fulfill any of the requested consultant roles in the advertisement, then that role shall be defined in the organization chart as the applicant. It should also be referenced in Section 7 (resume) and Section 8 (experience) such that it proves the applicant is skilled in supplying these roles on the project.
11. Current SOMWBA Certification Letters showing that the MBE/WBE is certified in the area of work for which it is listed on the application must be submitted for each and every MBE and WBE firm listed on the application, and must be submitted with the application.
12. Applicants are advised to apply only for those projects for which they are demonstrably qualified, as it reflects negatively on the applicant's credibility if the firm applies for every job advertised when only marginally qualified.
13. Applications should be mailed to the Designer Selection Board, One Ashburton Place, Room 1004, Boston, MA 02108.
14. The Board relies almost exclusively on the information submitted on the applications to arrive at a short list of semi-finalists. Therefore, do not include statements that refer to the Master File Brochure for additional information. The Master File Brochures are usually considered upon request of a DSB member when additional supplementary information is needed.
15. Joint ventures are not encouraged. However, they may be advantageous for complex building types in which the participants have a combination of unique skills with a previous successful record of working together.
16. Current workload with DCAM, other public agencies and the private sector are taken into consideration, however, usually only after the DSB has narrowed down the original applicants to a short list of qualified semi-finalists. The Board fosters effective broad-based participation in public work within the design professions.

NOTE **CMR 810 Publication/Instructions for Designers** (Form 9) was replaced by Designers Procedures Manual available on the Web site: www.mass.gov/forms/fi_designerprocman.html.